

GOVERNOR GRANHOLM'S PLAN TO GROW OUR ECONOMY, SECURE OUR FUTURE:
OVERALL ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR MICHIGAN

GOVERNOR GRANHOLM HAS A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO CREATE JOBS AND BOOST MICHIGAN'S ECONOMY

She will "go anywhere and do anything" to create, retain, and grow jobs in Michigan. And, she is fighting hard to protect our families and educate our children. Governor Granholm puts Michigan first.

GROWING THE ECONOMY

The Governor is going anywhere and doing anything to create jobs for Michigan workers, and direct action by her administration is convincing major corporations to create jobs and expand in Michigan. Keebler relocated its headquarters from Illinois to Battle Creek. Toyota is putting 400 people to work in York Township at its new Technical Center. When manufacturing jobs left Greenville for Mexico, Governor Granholm stepped in and helped convince United Solar Ovonic to open a new manufacturing facility there. The Governor has met face to face with businesses from across the country and around the world – and her leadership is paying off. Her mission to Japan has already attracted 630 new jobs and \$116 million in new investment from 10 Japanese companies. But the Governor knows we have a lot more to do to create good paying jobs so our kids can stay in Michigan and work in Michigan. That's why she has a comprehensive Jobs Today, Jobs Tomorrow plan, which includes a new, \$2 billion 21st Century Jobs for Michigan Fund that will diversify our economy and create thousands of jobs. From cutting taxes for businesses to matching out-of-work citizens with jobs that exist right now, Granholm is working hard every day to turn our economy around.

PROTECTING OUR FAMILIES AND OUR CHILDREN

Granholm knows that Michigan must ensure the health and safety of our families and our children to maintain our excellent quality of life. That's why she extended health services to nearly 100,000 more citizens and created the MiRx drug discount program that is helping 32,000 Michiganders purchase prescriptions. To protect our children, she's gone after sex and violence in video games. Our neighborhoods are also safer after her administration put more than 1,400 dangerous parole violators and more than 800 sex offenders back behind bars.

EDUCATING OUR KIDS

Governor Granholm knows the best path to a bright economic future is a high-quality education. Our children deserve to reach their full potential in a safe environment with the tools they need to succeed. That's why the Governor created Project Great Start to increase access to quality child care in Michigan communities and to give parents the tools they need to be their child's first and most important teacher. The Governor is also working to create higher standards in Michigan's high schools so that all students are prepared for success in college and in life. She is fighting to make Michigan the first state in the nation to make college or vocational training accessible and affordable for every child in the state. And, despite eliminating almost \$4 billion in budget shortfalls – more than any other governor before her – Governor Granholm's 2006 budget increased funding for Michigan's K-12 schools to record levels, while asking schools to do more to help kids learn.

Granholm Administration's Accomplishments for Traverse City

Despite a Republican-led legislature, the Granholm administration has consistently and successfully fought for all Michigan citizens. In the Traverse City area, Governor Granholm's administration has:

Invested in Economic Growth in Traverse City

- **Created and retained 368 jobs in the Traverse City area; generated \$15.4 million in private investment and \$1.34 Million in public investment.** EDJT grants provided funding to community colleges to train 376 workers at 12 companies, including the creation of 8 new jobs and the retention of 368. Also awarded a CDBG grant of \$925,936 for the Downtown Streetscape in the Village of Kingsley.
- **Created 130 New Jobs in Traverse City.** Approved a brownfield Single Business Tax credit that will transform a long-vacant former Grand Traverse Ford dealership site into a mixed-use development. The project is expected to bring more than \$43 million in private investment and create up to 130 new jobs.
- **Created Economic Opportunity in Traverse City.** Approved a \$15,000 grant to Traverse City to help finance a comprehensive market study of the city's downtown. The study will be used to chart future growth, and for planning purposes to attract jobs, investment, and residents downtown.

Invested in Tourism

- **Additional \$15 Million for Michigan's Tourism Industry.** Helped Michigan's tourism industry with an additional \$15 million in advertising funds to be spent over the next two years to promote Michigan's tourism industry.
- **Post Labor Day School Start to Help Support Tourism Industry.** Signed legislation that will help create new job opportunities and increase tourism spending in Northern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula by calling for a post-Labor Day school start.
- **Proposed \$22 million to Improve State Parks and Increase Tourism.** This investment will enhance Michigan's state park system through improvements at campsites, nature centers, and camp stores, thereby increasing attendance and tourism spending.
- **National Governors Association (NGA) Annual Meeting Chooses Traverse City.** Helped lure the NGA annual meeting to Traverse City in 2007. The NGA conference will put Michigan and northern Michigan in the national spotlight and put dollars into the local economy.
- **New Winery Law Gives Michigan Wines National Exposure.** Signed a new law in Traverse City that allows up to 1,500 cases of wine to be shipped annually by wineries both in- and out-of-state to consumers. This will help Michigan wineries gain national attention for their award-winning wines.

Invested in Community Development

- **Traverse City Received Cool City Grant.** Awarded Traverse City with a \$100,000 grant for installing lighting, sound, and other equipment at the historic City Opera House that will enable it to attract top-notch talent and bring more people into downtown Traverse City.

Invested in the Environment

- **Signed Water Protection Bill.** Governor Granholm signed legislation that bans dumping of contaminated dredged materials in open waters in Michigan. The legislation, which is designed to clarify existing state law, is part of the Governor's comprehensive plan to protect Michigan's water.

Invested in Education

- **Awarded \$2.7 Million More for Grand Traverse County and Leelanau County Schools.** Thanks to Governor Granholm's leadership, state support for local public schools in Grand Traverse County increased by more than \$2.2 million in the past year, all the while calling for higher curriculum standards. Funding for Grand Traverse County schools now stands at an all-time high.
- **Signed Early Intervention Programs Bills.** Governor Granholm signed legislation that allows school districts to develop and implement Early Intervention Programs for students in grades K-3. The programs will help identify educational and behavioral barriers students may face that would prevent them from succeeding in the classroom. The three-bill package allows school districts to create Early Intervention Programs that monitor student performance, identify individual challenges, and provide additional support services including reading, writing, math, visual memory, motor skills development, and behavior or language development.
- **Proposed New \$4,000 Merit Scholarship.** The Governor continues to push for the New Merit Scholarship which will guarantee every student who successfully completes two years of college or technical training a \$4,000 scholarship – an amount roughly equal to two years of community college tuition.